

## REMARKS

Claim 7 has been amended and claim 8 has been added. Claim 7 has been amended to correct grammar errors as well as to include an error correction function, support for which may be found in the specification of the present invention on page 10 lines 12-17. Claim 8 has been added to the application to cover an embodiment of the invention that is detailed on page 10, lines 21-26.

The specification has been replaced to correct numerous grammer errors as well as to clarify some passages.

Claims 1-8 are now pending in this application. It is noted with thanks that Claim 6 is drawn to allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-5 and 7 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Schlachman et al. (United States Patent 6,504,925). The applicant respectfully transverses this rejection.

Schlachman describes an electronic phone directory system housed inside of a phone enclosure. However, the directory service does not provide for the function of identifying an "area code" (or toll number as it is called in the present invention) based on region information or vis versa. Indeed, Schlachman says that on the power up of his device, a default locality is assumed for all searches. So to obtain the area code of a person in a specific locality, Schachman forces the user to know a valid and listed phone customer in the region in question. This presents problem when trying to find an area code for an unlisted number or with a infrequently updated phone directory. Schlachman also lacks the means necessary to find a location based solely upon the area code. It may be seen in Figure 8 of Schlachman, a municipality must be declared before the phone number including the area code is entered. This does nothing to further the goal of retrieving location information based upon the area code. With reference to column 13, line 17 through column 16, line 54, which the examiner highlighted in regard to claim 1 of this invention, Step 222 in Figure 19 of Schlachman must be noted. This step, as described in column 15, line 61 to column 16, line 22, says that no information may be displayed until after a full and valid phone number is entered, corresponding to the preset location. Indeed, if the area code is not previously known, this aspect of Schlachman is useless. In short, in

Schlachman, there is no provision for the searching of area codes based solely upon location data or location based solely upon area codes. Therefore, claims 1-5 and 7 are not anticipated by Schlachman (and also would not be obvious over Schlachman).

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson).

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